

# COUNCIL BRIEFS

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September 9, 2016

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**Understanding the Use of Force:** In light of national events, the West Hartford Police Department is offering residents the opportunity to better understand how police respond to resistance. "Community Classroom: Understanding Use of Force" will be held in the Training Division on Thursday, September 15, 6:00-8:30PM at 103 Raymond Road.

The class is an opportunity to bring officers and residents together to facilitate understanding, dispel myths, and answer questions. The class includes equipment demonstrations, use of force options, and an understanding of policies, training, and human dynamics. Instruction will be led by the Training Division, Community Relations, Special Investigations and the Emergency Services Unit. The class is limited to 25 people. To register, please call or email [Lt. Eric Rocheleau](#) at (860) 570-8821.

**Library holds Community Conversations:**

Please join the West Hartford Library on Tuesday, September 13, 7:00-8:30 PM, for a community conversation about what you love about our town, what you wish for its future, and how the libraries can continue to be a part of that vision. All town residents, ages 13 and up, are invited to participate in one of the remaining focus group meetings at the Noah Webster Library Meeting Room, 20 South Main Street. [Registration is required, click here.](#)

Over 1700 people responded to a 25-question survey to help the library plan for the future. Participants were asked how they search for information, use materials and technology, the importance of e-books and e-magazines, programs they have attended, and frequency of their visits. Community Conversations were also held in July and August.

**Smooth as glass:** The Veterans Memorial Skating Rink was closed for eight days recently while crews replaced the ice and conducted building maintenance. The rink reopened on Monday, September 5.

**Motor Vehicle Assessments Appeals heard in September:** The Board of Assessment Appeals for motor vehicle assessments on the October 1, 2015 Grand List will be held in Room 142 of Town Hall on Thursday, September 15, 5:00-7:00 PM and Saturday, September 17, 9:00-11:00 AM. Applications for the appeals are available in the Assessor's Office in Room 142 and [online](#). Please contact the Assessor's Office at 860-561-7414 for questions regarding the Board of Assessment Appeals process.

**November 8, 2016 Presidential Election:** If a registered voter is unable to vote in person on Election Day, he/she may apply to the Town Clerk for an absentee ballot for any of the following reasons:

- Absence from the Town during all of the hours of voting
- Illness
- Physical disability
- Active service in the armed forces
- Duties as an election official at a polling place
- Religious tenets

The issuance of an absentee ballot is a two-step process. First, obtain an application at the Town Clerk's Office or [online here](#). Fill it out, sign it and return it to the Town Clerk. Next, the Town Clerk will send you a ballot with instructions. Cast your vote and return the ballot to the Town Clerk by Election Day, November 8, in order for your vote to count.

**Twilight Golfing:** For golfers who want to get in a round before the sun goes down, Rockledge Golf Club now has its Twilight Greens Fees. After 6:00 p.m., golfers can play a round for only \$11. The twilight fees are available weekdays and weekends. No registration is required. Tee times are on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 860-521-6284 for weekly twilight start times.

Ronald F. Van Winkle, Town Manager